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1. Officers of the 3d VP Bereitschaft of Land Saxony-Anhalt in Apollensdorf [redacted] included VP Oberrat Geicke (fnu), commanding officer; VP Oberrat Schaefer (fnu), deputy commander; VP Oberrat Tollmann (fnu), IK chief; VP Rat Steinmetz (fnu), commanding officer of the 1st Kommando, an ex-army officer; VP Oberkommissar Gluse (fnu), commanding officer of the 2nd Kommando; VP Rat Dolda (fnu), commanding officer of the 3d Kommando, an ex-army officer; VP Oberkommissar Henke (fnu), operations officer; and VP Rat Lohmarch (fnu), administrative officer. (1)
2. [redacted] about 50 percent of the personnel of the VP Bereitschaft in Apollensdorf were discharged. The remaining police were transferred to Torgau (N 52/E 64), Stendal (N 53/Y 85) and Salzwedel (N 53/Y 27). The VP camp in Apollensdorf was occupied by only some guard personnel and a housekeeping detail of about 50 police. (2)
3. During the nights between 1 and 3 December, the two VP Bereitschaften in Brandenburg-Hohenstuecken (N 53/Y 23) left by truck for an undetermined destination. Police replacements who arrived at the post between 3 and 10 December came from Land Saxony, according to their dialect. The new arrivals wore two silver stars on their shoulder straps.
4. About 10 November, civilian engineers and about 100 workmen arrived in Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) to enlarge the Volkspolizei Kaserne. All stables in the billeting area were to be converted into police billets and some of them were to be raised up to a height of four stories. A building east of the Volkspolizei Kaserne, which had previously quartered radio operators, was to be completely rebuilt and enlarged in order to be used as a hospital.
5. In the afternoon of 29 November, five trucks left Grossenhain heading east and carrying about 200 unarmed and unequipped police of the VP

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Bereitschaft in Grossenhain. It was learned that all VP personnel were to be transferred. The new posts were not disclosed, however.
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- (6) On the evening of 1 December, many boxes containing rifles, submachine guns, and items of equipment were loaded in boxcars at the Cottbuser Bahnhof (Cottbus station), Grossenhain. The consignee could not be determined.

- (7) On 10 December, the Volkspolizei Kaserne in Loebau (O 52/A 80) was occupied by only a cadre of instructors and some guard personnel. About one week before, two VP units had left the installation for an undetermined destination. Some other police, including several VP officers, had been discharged.

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A section of the Volkspolizei Kaserne, which had been occupied by civilians until recently, was being reconverted into VP quarters. Commissions of the Criminal Police were calling on all enterprises in Loebau to register all 18 to 22-year-old men for VP service.

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- (8) On 2 and 3 December, the Haupt Kaserne in Meiningen (M 51/H 82) quartered a VP unit of about 800 men, commanded by a VP Kommandeur. Two units, each about 100 police strong, were seen marching in the barracks yard on 2 December. Groups of drilling police were seen on the two days of observation.

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- (1) The names of the VP officers agree with previous information.
(2) A report already stated that the majority of the personnel of the 3d VP Bereitschaft in Apollensdorf had been discharged.

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